

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE
February 4, 2016

Meeting Location:

Balboa Park Club
2150 Pan American Road
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing Address:

Balboa Park Administration
Building
2125 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Amy Bernal
Kenneth Davenport – Vice
Chair
Andrew Kahng
David Kinney – Chair
Luanne Kanzawa
Don Liddell
Dang Nguyen
Micah Parzen
Johanna S. Schiavoni
Rob Steppke

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Susan Lowery-Mendoza, Balboa
Park
Casey Smith, Balboa Park

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinney called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2016

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MS. BERNAL/MS. KANZAWA

A motion was made by Ms. Bernal and seconded by Ms. Kanzawa to approve the January 7, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was approved (7-0-3) with three abstentions (Mr. Parzen, Mr. Kahng, and Chairperson Kinney).

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES – None

NON AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ms. Betty Peabody, Thursday Club Rummage Sale and Friends of Balboa Park, reported the following:
 - Thursday Club Rummage Sale will take place the second weekend of March; there will not be any conflicts with Chelsea's Run.
 - Mr. John Bolthouse appointed as the new Executive Director for Friends of Balboa Park.
- Mr. Tomas Herrera-Mishler, Balboa Park Conservancy, reported the following:
 - Selected a consulting team for the design work at Botanical Building.
 - Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects, Inc. (RNT) will spearhead the design aspect of the project.
- Ms. Daniele Lama, liaison for House of Pacific Relations (HPR), reported the following:
 - Kudos to Park and Recreation staff for their work on drainage and tree issues around the cottages.
 - There's been no reported homeless issues.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – None

STAFF REPORT

City Council Third District, Council Representative Stephen Hill

- Budget process for FY17 has begun.
- Council Member Gloria's budget priorities memo requested additional funding for:
 - maintenance staff for Balboa Park, to replace staff that were cut during the recession
 - public facilities maintenance at the historic buildings in Balboa Park
 - arts and culture toward the Penny for the Arts Goals
- The Council hearing will take place on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Item 150, Council Budget Priorities, will be the first item discussed.
- With the initiation of Council Member Gloria, Council approved additional support for small businesses by expanding the store front improvement project.

Committee Comments/Questions:

- If the Committee members are not able to attend the Council hearing in person. Would it be a conflict of interest if a letter was drafted by the Committee and sent to all the council members advocating for funding? Mr. Hill stated that individually the Committee can submit a public testimony through the City Clerk. For instructions on the process, go to the City's website. In addition, the Committee could take an official position in support of elements of the budget.

Susan Lowery-Mendoza, District Manager, Balboa Park Facilities and Special Events, Reported the following

- The storm on Sunday, January 31, 2016, resulted in a loss of trees and damaged two roofs. The Redwood Bridge Club sustained minor damage and the comfort station at 8th and Juniper had structural damage.
- The award winning Park and Recreation Department's production team plans to perform the Civic Dance Arts Collage in the Casa Del Prado Theater through February 21, 2016.
- Finishing Chelsea's Run will take place Saturday, March 5, 2016.

Casey Smith, District Manager, Balboa Park Operations, Reported the following:

- On Tuesday, January 26, 2016 the Balboa Park Conservancy, Park and Recreation Department Staff, Beneful Team, and several volunteers planted 18 trees at Nates Point dog off leash area.
- A total of 36 trees had to be removed due to the storm.
- The week of January 25, 2016, Balboa Park, Park and Recreation Department and County Park and Recreation, hosted approximately 40 park and recreation directors from around the nation as part of the National Recreation and Park Association's Innovations Lab Seminar.
- City staff pruned all the roses in the Rose Garden.
- On January 18, 2016, Martin Luther King Day, the Park hosted over 400 volunteers from several different churches.

BALBOA PARK CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATES

Mr. Parzen reported the following:

- The Explorer Pass program continues to be under review.
- The BPCP will be hosting the third annual Trustee Celebration on February 29, 2016 at the Japanese Friendship Garden. Board members from all BPCP institutions have been invited.
- The BPCP's office construction is near completion.

Balboa Park Sustainability Program and Learning Institute

Ms. Kanzawa reported the following:

- On March 17, 2016, the Sustainability Program plans to host an internal celebration to award a plaque in honor of the 6 buildings and 12 institutions that were LEED certified last year, as well as the first re-certification in San Diego.
- The BPLI will be assisting the California Alliance for the Arts Education with a conference and special event in March.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

101. None

Adoption - None

Special Events

301. Reader Tacotopia. Presenter: Andy Boyd, Marketing Director, San Diego Reader

Mr. Boyd requested approval for the 2016 Reader Tacotopia at Golden Hill Park, 2590 Golden Hill Drive, San Diego, CA 92102. The event will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. There will be a live band from Tijuana, Mexico.

Committee Comments/Questions:

- Chairperson Kinney asked Ms. Lowery-Mendoza if they had met with any challenges last year. Ms. Lowery-Mendoza responded there we no challenges.
- Are there any concerns regarding the San Diego Zoo's Centennial Event that will be taking place the same day? The representative from the Zoo responded that their event begins at 6:00 p.m. and it's mainly in the Central Mesa area.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MS. BERNAL/MS. KANZAWA

A motion was made by Ms. Bernal and seconded by Ms. Kanzawa to approve the 2016 Reader Tacotopia in Golden Hill Park. Motion was unanimously approved (7-0-1) with Chairperson Kinney abstaining.

302. San Diego Maker Faire. Presenters: Mr. Peter Comiskey, Executive Director for the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership (BPCP)

Mr. Comiskey requested approval for the second annual San Diego Maker Faire involving 230 makers that will be distributed throughout the Park on October 1 -2, 2016.

Committee Comments/Questions:

- Ms. Kanzawa stated that all the institutions are in support of this event.
- Ms. Schiavoni suggested networking with the STEAM school groups, such as Jefferson and Franklin Elementary.
- Chairperson Kinney stated the event is perfect for Balboa Park.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MS. BERNAL/MR. NGUYEN

A motion was made by Ms. Bernal and seconded by Mr. Nguyen to accept the request as presented for an annual permit. Motion was unanimously approved (7-0-1) with Chairperson Kinney abstaining.

303. 30th Philippine Cultural Arts Festival. Presenter: Mr. Patrick Ambrosio, Event Organizer

Mr. Ambrosio requested to have this special event, which is traditionally held in August and was moved to June for the Balboa Park Centennial, returned back to the month of June. The special request for June 25, 2016 is representative of the actual day of the passing of one of the major leaders of the Philippino-American Community. The event would take place over two days, June 25-26, 2016 from 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. in Balboa Park at the corner of Park Boulevard and Presidents Way.

Committee Comments/Questions:

- Chairperson Kinney wanted to clarify that since the event is being held during the Summer Moratorium in the Park, that when the Committee approves a waiver to the Moratorium it has to be reviewed on an annual basis.
- Ms. Lowery-Mendoza clarified that the event is already a part of the Summer Moratorium. She further stated that the Committee would need to look in the future to see if the event will work in June or not for two years.

Non-Speakers: In favor (3)

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MR. KAHNG/MR. DAVENPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Kahng and seconded by Mr. Davenport to approve the event as proposed. Motion was unanimously approved (7-0-1) with Chairperson Kinney abstaining.

304. Heart and Stroke Walk. Presenter: Ms. Annie Garcia, Snr. Business Development Director, Heart and Stroke Walk

Ms. Garcia stated that this will be the 25th anniversary for the Heart and Stroke Walk event on Saturday, September 17, 2016. She requested to continue the use of 6th and Laurel South Lawn for future events.

Committee Comments/Questions:

- Ms. Lowery-Mendoza stated the event went fine. There was a noise complaint. It would be good to have someone closely monitoring the base noise level.
- Mr. Liddell stated he assumed the noise was from the Expo area. He asked what their plans were to mitigate the noise. Organizers responded that they will do a test run in the morning, to make sure it's lower. They may also push back the start time of the music.
- Ms. Kanzawa inquired if the event would be making a donation to Balboa Park. Organizers explained that they are a non-profit organization and are limited on donations, and it needs to be approved by the executive director of the association.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MR. LIDDELL/MS. BERNAL

A motion was made by Mr. Liddell and seconded by Ms. Bernal to approve the event as presented. Motion was unanimously approved (7-0-1) with Chairperson Kinney abstaining.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Inspiration Point Solar Project

Presenter: Lorie Casio-Azar, Program Manager, Environmental Services

Ms. Casio-Azar presented a slide presentation outlining the Inspiration Point Solar Project. The Solar Project would generate about one megawatt annually, and solar canopies would provide shade and additional lighting. Installation of the Solar Project would be in line with the Climate Action Plan that was recently approved by the Mayor and Council in December 2015. The plan also augments and facilitates sustainability goals and greenhouse gas reduction for the City. Construction would begin summer 2016 and finish winter 2016.

Committee Comments/Questions:

- Mr. Liddell asked Ms. Casio-Azar to clarify "the size of the facility to meet 80% of the load". Ms. Casio-Azar responded with 80% of the Park in general.
- Mr. Liddell inquired as to how Environmental Services arrived at a goal for all the facilities of 80% of the load and not at 100%. Ms. Casio-Azar stated that we do this so that when we do energy efficiencies of the buildings, which typically is about 20-25%, then you have a match up at the end of the day.
- Mr. Liddell asked if they have a contingency in the plan to charge patrons. Ms. Casio-Azar responded that it's not included in the plan at this time, although they have potential to install it later.
- Mr. Liddell inquired of the provider. Ms. Casio-Azar responded with Sun Edison.
- Chairperson Kinney asked if parking would be displaced. Ms. Casio-Azar responded that parking would not be displaced. Chairperson Kinney further added that he recommends the project start after Labor Day.

